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## 12 MONTHS

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Horus prefecture is somewhere in Japan. There lives Tomoko (a young, vivacious, and cheerful girl, Tomo (the class representative), Horus with wings on her back), and many others. All have unique tempers. One day, a boy transfers from another school. And summer starts at that very instant.



about another's wife.

I felt like drawing the four seasons through flowers, trees, the impressions of growing humidity, etc. I also wanted to show people's feelings, changing over the season, according to their spiritual situation. Throughout that series, a lot of incidents happened in my private life (therefore, in the life of these "dark" authors) as well as in the life of my characters.

Finally in those months, I drew the impressions I might have imagined a bit more...

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Summer's  
Arrival

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MERONO  
PREFEC-  
TURE

WE  
LIVE  
THERE...

A PLACE YOU  
CAN FIND AT  
THE SAME  
TIME, EVERY-  
WHERE AND  
NOWHERE.

Summer!

Summer  
has  
arrived!



From  
over  
there!

TAP TAP TAP



Hello, Daniel  
Good morning, Teacher!

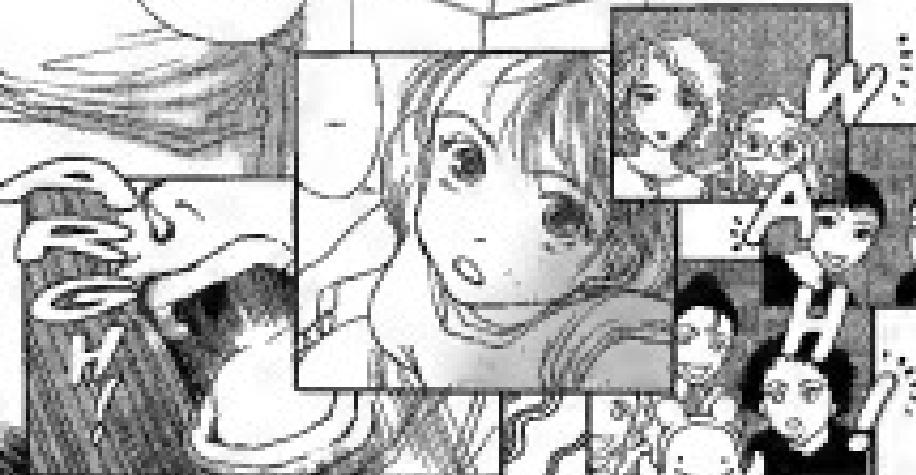


But I hate  
my school days  
when it's hot!

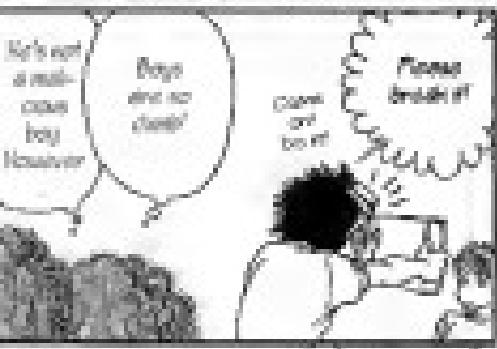








WHISPERING



THAT'S HOW  
A NEW  
CLASSMATE  
JOINED US.

Carroll

Everyone...  
I like you...

D  
26  
DOD  
26

I'm  
China.

He's my  
brother,  
Sai!

And  
you, aren't  
you also going  
to introduce  
yourselves,  
guys?

China just  
plays off being  
the most popular  
girl of the  
moment!

He is not  
that sort of  
person.

And  
what about  
her?

NOW DON'T YOU  
WANT  
ME TO INTRODUCE  
ALL THOSE GUYS?

COME  
ON!

The  
Danes,

the class  
representative

S-A-P-L-I-C-A-T-E





I thought  
I heard the  
sound of  
bedding out



NYA! NYA!

orange  
lemon  
lime  
grapefruit  
peach  
pear  
the other  
fruits

But I'd better  
keep quiet about it  
She doesn't seem  
to have noticed it  
herself...

WOW!

TADA!

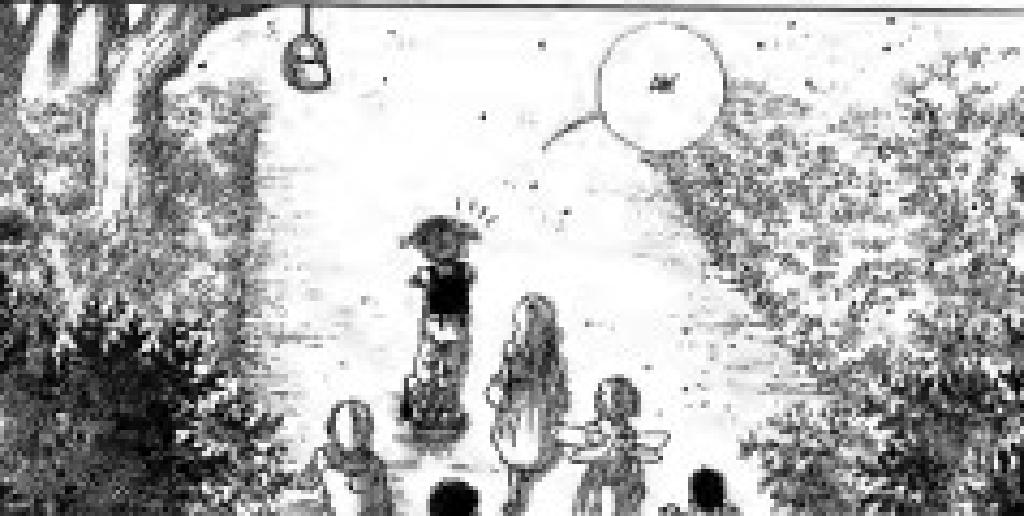
Look!



**BECK!**

**BAP**

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Just a sort  
of... old fashioned...  
tool





Reading

BATHMUP  
BATHMUP

Milan's  
Room

BATHMUP

I don't  
have a  
clue!



BECK!!

BAR



Tomorrow,  
first thing  
in the morning  
I'll catch the  
train  
headed off  
going to  
school



SCHOOL  
GOING



No, in the  
end, I'll go  
to school



I DON'T FEEL  
LIKE DOING  
ANYTHING

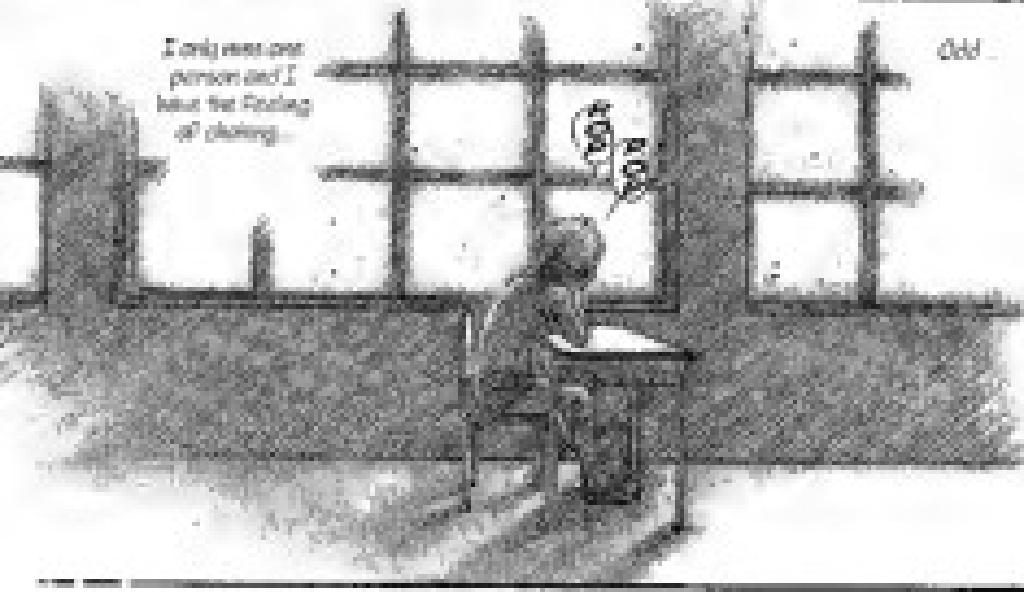
There is  
absent today?!

Tom Flippo:  
not having chores,  
well now for  
yourself!

Sheri's the only one  
who would dare do  
chores at school.

How about  
we drop by his  
house after  
school?

60% Cash Back



odd



*Ein Hund steht*



*Die*



*"A sehr besondere  
-- Freunde fotografieren"*

*Ein weiterer Freunde*



Bob and B. Miller

#### **Im Allgemeinen schreibt**

### **Um Arbeitszeitmanagement**

"I like it because  
In the brightness of the evening sun  
In the darkness of the evening sun  
And sing a song...  
The sun is good and it's bright".  
She wanted the golden hour

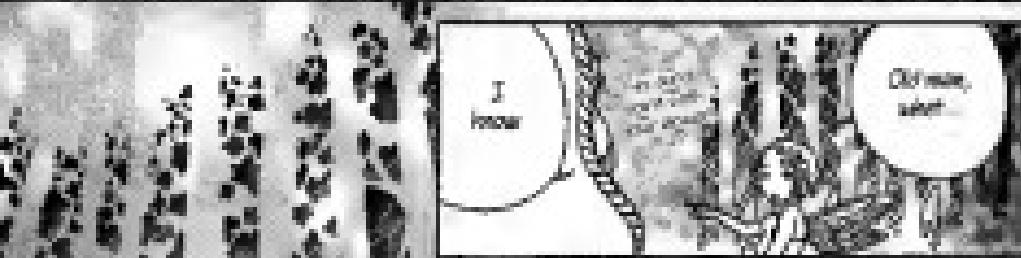
#### But after the Last Judg.

#### Die Logik der Arbeit und der Arbeitsmarkt

#### 3. Litter for golden Bear

CHANCE







and pull  
seamur, which  
lays in the  
south up to  
the north.

Doug travelled  
over the whole  
country



Whatever they  
have passed,  
summer is going  
to be expert.



Oh,  
look...



Summer has  
arrived.



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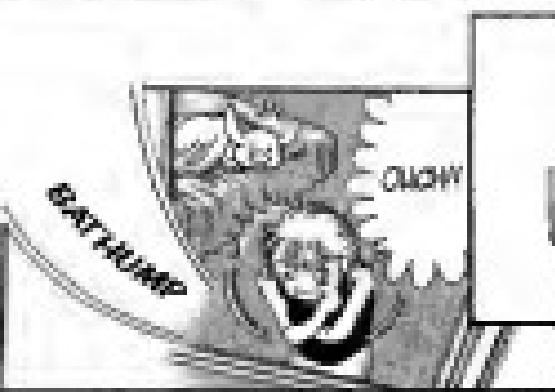


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Wooooow!!  
It's summer!



"They traveled  
all over the country."

But after the  
coming of  
summer



AFTER SUMMER  
IS OVER, WILL  
THE WOODSMEN  
OF SUMMER  
LEAVE?



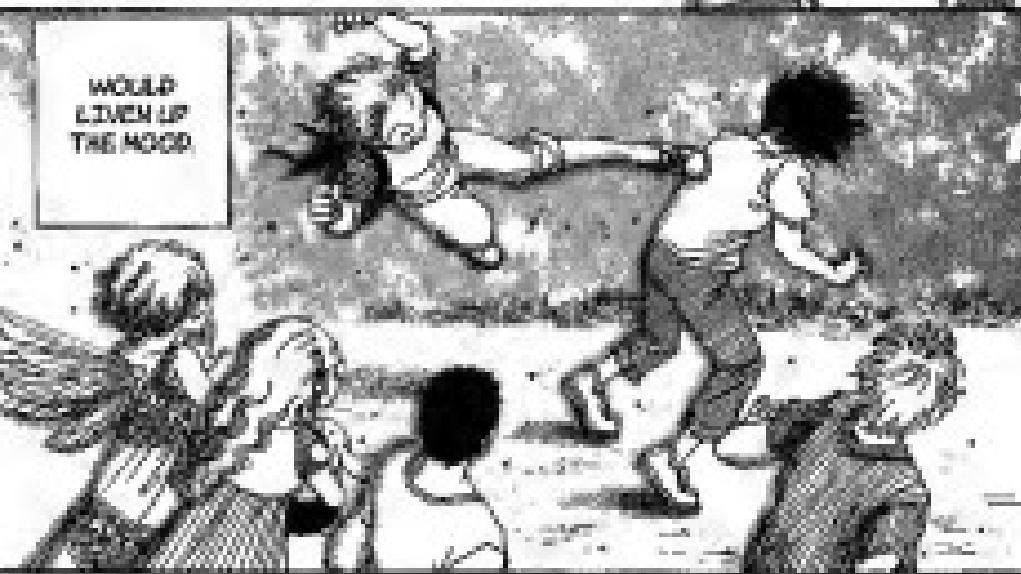
I'm still  
here all  
alone

And I'll  
continue to  
go to school.



THAT BOY WHO ARRIVED  
WITH SUMMER.

WOULD  
LIVEN UP  
THE MOOD.



BUT I  
WOULD ONLY  
BE AWARE OF  
IT LATER ON.

YOU DON'T  
KNOW HOW  
TO BEHAVIOR? I  
DON'T  
KNOW...

AT THE SAME  
TIME, LOVE  
WAS BORN IN  
MY HEART.



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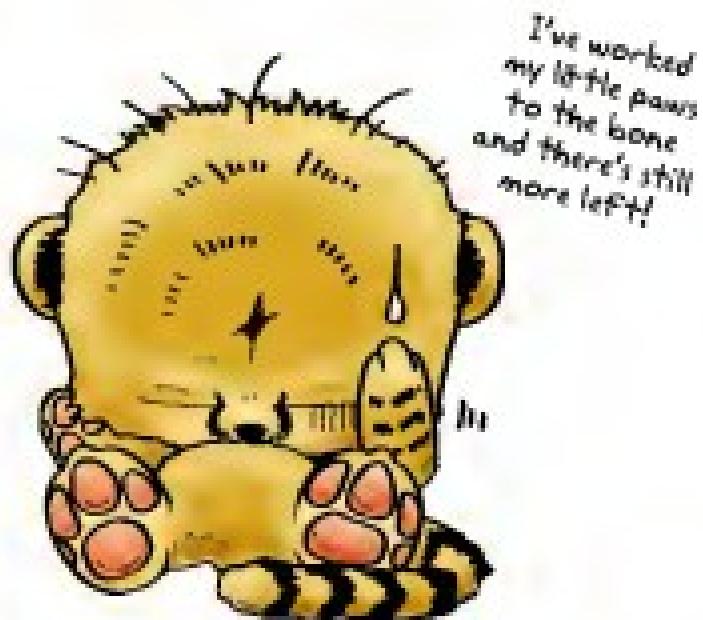


IMAGE FROM ME AND MY ANNA BY RYAN